AMENDING SUBSECTION 11 (B) OF THE ACT AUTHORIZING THE TEMPORARY APPOINTMENT OR ADVANCEMENT OF CERTAIN PERSONNEL OF THE NAVY AND MARINE CORPS

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Mr. Walsh, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, submitted the following

REPORT

[To accompany S. 2288]

The Committee on Naval Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (S. 2288) to amend subsection 11 (b) of the act approved July 24, 1941, entitled "An act authorizing the temporary appointment or advancement of certain personnel of the Navy and Marine Corps, and for other purposes," having considered the same, report favorably thereon without amendment and recommend that the bill do pass.

The purpose of the bill is to provide to former members of the Lighthouse Service now serving in the Coast Guard the same opportunity for temporary promotion as is now enjoyed by other members of the Coast Guard.

The temporary promotion of Coast Guard officers is authorized by subsection 11 (b) of the act approved July 24, 1941 (Public Law 188, 77th Cong.), but such promotion is limited to such rank as may be attained by a line officer of the Regular Navy of the same length of total commissioned service. The regular promotion of former members of the Lighthouse Service, now serving in the Coast Guard as extra numbers, is governed by section 2 of the act approved August 5, 1939 (53 Stat. 1216). Pursuant thereto, such an officer becomes eligible for promotion when the officer in a regular number next above him on the seniority list becomes eligible. However, such an officer may not have the same length of commissioned service as the Coast Guard officer with whom he is paired for promotion eligibility purposes. Consequently, since eligibility for temporary promotion is a function of total commissioned service, the former Lighthouse Service officer, if he is to have equality of opportunity with the regular Coast Guard officer with whom he is paired, must be considered as having the same length of service as that officer.

In other words, prior service in the Lighthouse Service will be counted as commissioned service for the purpose of temporary promotion of Coast Guard officers.

Although no estimate of the cost of the bill is available, it is estimated that approximately 55 officers of the Coast Guard, who are former members of the Lighthouse Service, may benefit therefrom.

The bill was introduced at the request of the Navy Department and has been cleared by the Bureau of the Budget.

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